Winter sports roundup

Coming off a 1988-1989 season marred by injuries and unmet expectations, the Messiah College Falcons women's basketball team was looking for a strong finish this year, and they met that goal. Winning their last four games, the women finished the season 14-10. A final 2-8 record against Middle Atlantic Conference foes gave the young lady Falcons a challenge for next year to improve their league performance.

Sporting a host of local talent, all but one Falcon were from Pennsylvania. Leadership on the team was provided by three consistent producers. Teresa Clark (F 5'10"), a junior from Wellsville, led all scorers, averaging 16.1 points a game, ranking her third in the MAC Northern Division in scoring. Junior Paula Fritz (G 5'5"), from Mechanicsburg, led the team in free throw percentage, 77.5%, three-point percentage, 45%, and ranked first in the MAC Northern Division in three-point shooting, and eighth in scoring. Senior Kelly Lippert was the third leading scorer, contributing 9.4 points per game.

Defensively the team was led by Clark. Recording 52 steals, and 211 rebounds, she became the main force behind opponents averaging only 60 points per game. Clark was fourth in the MAC in rebounding, and third in field goal percentage.

Part of the reason for the strong finish can be contributed to more evenly balanced scoring stemming from more offensive and defensive help from the bench. Coach Mike Miller sees this year's leadership, and strong supporting cast, all with solid experience as a reason for high hopes next year.

Early Bird Car Championship

This Sunday afternoon, March 18, will be the final tuneup for the Early Bird Car Championship coming up Sunday, March 25, at Williams Grove Speedway.

The rain date for the Early Bird will be Sunday afternoon, April 1.

This week's program will consist of qualifying races for the Sprint cars followed by a 25-lap feature which pays $2500 to win.

The Early Bird carries a purse in excess of $20,000 and will pay the winner of the 30-lap Sprint car feature $5000.

All Sunday afternoon events begin at 2:00.

The early season has produced plenty of new faces along with new combinations and the Early Bird will be the season's first major challenge for many teams.

Some of the new combinations include: Dave Haight in the Steiner/Orbock/Penn Lift #69, Bobby Weaver in the ZEMCO #1, Joey Allen in the Dyer #361, Randy Wolfe in the Winnemyer #5W, Jim Nace in the Brian #16, Fred Rahmer in the Burch/WSB/York Mail Service #99 and Smokey Snellbaker in the Fitting #81F.

One impressive new combination involves talented driver McMe DeSantis, who has added the highly regaded mechanic Davey Brown, Jr. to his pit crew. DeSantis was running off with the opening day feature when he clipped the inside guard rail and spun.

Aside to the new combinations, many new faces have been in evidence this year. Some of those include: Modified superstar Billy Pauch in Glen Hyneman's Vass and Hastings #126, former 3-time world Kart champion Chris Hladik in his father's Stambaugh Enterprises #54, New Yorker Rob Hart in Ted Gano's Dutcher Amusements #57, Delaware Modified star Ron Keys in the Keys Trucking #K39, Late Model champion Rick Eckert in the Eckert Trucking #K80 and former Micro Sprint competitor Mary Senft in the J.L. Howard Sanitation #18.

Williams Grove has scheduled Sunday afternoon racing through April 8. In keeping with the speedway's tradition the first Friday night race is set for Good Friday, April 13, when the Super Sportsman cars join the Sprint cars.

If the April 1 rain date is not needed for the Early Bird, a regular program of Sprint car racing will be presented on that day and again

Views from the grandstand

by John Middlekauff

Probably most of you are not boxing fans. I am of sorts! I grew up watching Ray Robinson, Gene Fullmer, Ricky Marciano, etc. on T.V. In fact I rushed home early from a junior high dance just to watch the Friday night fights-the dam thing was over in the first round! Anyway, I wish this Tyson-Douglas business would go away-or at least Don King go away! Caught Mr. King on Roy Firestone's Sports Talk Show on ESPN the other night. What a joke! It's a little tiring to hear that everytime you criticize the man, its a negative against blacks! Baloney. I don't care if the man is sky-blue with a pink border-he's bad for boxing! Maybe its time the U.S. Government stepped in and regulate boxing-it would get rid of that "alphabet soup" governing bodies of professional boxing.

Sure is nice to see that the script writers found another plot for the newest soap opera-Major League Baseball. Just think: last year's episode featured Pete Rose! I guess after that they needed a bigger cast of characters, so this year its the owners vs. players. I don't know who is right and who is wrong; what bothers me is the people who are getting hurt the most are the ones who go to the stadiums or watch on T.V.-the fans!

No sandlot baseball in Dillsburg this year! Lack of playing facilities, lack of talent, and last but not least lack of funds. It really costs to keep a team going! Hat's off to the Local Baseball Association, they do a fantastic job getting the necessary funds to get the job done. While I'm on the subject of the baseball association, don't quite understand why the Women's Auxiliary went down the tubes! It seems they could not get any mothers to join and keep is going!

As you can see, the article is quite a departure from the ones I have been doing, and hope to continue to do. This one sort of scares me! First of all, I don't know whether its needed. Second, I am not an expert by any stretch of the imagination and I do not want this kind of article to give the impression that I am one. Third, and most important of all, I do not want to lose my objectivity! If that happens, then all of my articles will be worthless.

Hunting accidents

Lowest since 1918

Last year Pennsylvania recorded the lowest number of hunting accidents since 1918, according to the final annual compilation by the Game Commission. Out of millions of hunter-days afield in 1989, only 114 accidents were registered, compared with over 500 just 20 year ago.

Hunter and Trapper Education Chief Jim Filkosky notes the 1989 accident total is consistent with figures of recent years, ranging from a low of 124 in 1984 to 1988's high of 131. The 1989 figures included six fatalities, compared to nine the preceding year. 1989 marked the first year since 1921 in which there were no deer season fatalities.

"Turkey hunting accidents continue to be quite worrisome," Filkosky indicates. There were 23 last year, six fewer than in 1988, but still much too high. Only 300,000 fall and 200,000 spring turkey hunters were involved, compared to more than a million deer hunters registering just 31 accidents."

Filkosky notes over a fourth of all injuries are self-inflicted. "Beyond that, carelessness and greed still account for most accidents," he says. Nearly a fourth of all mishaps involve the victim being in the line of fire; under one fourth of the accidents occurred when a hunter mistook a person for game.

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Evangelistic services at Wolgamuth

Spring evangelistic services will be held March 18-25 at the Wolgamuth Church of the Brethren. Rev. James H. Rhen, pastor of the Bermudian Church of the Brethren, will be the evangelist. In addition to his messages there will be special music and guest singers and choirs each evening. A children's story will be told each evening by the evangelist and other story tellers. Services begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. A warm welcome is extended to the community. The church is located at 276 Old York Road, Dillsburg. John D. Long is the pastor.

Lenten worship services

Monaghan Presbyterian Church on East Church Street in Dillsburg will be offering the following worship services for the remainder of the season of Lent:

April 8-Palm Sunday-8:00 and 10:45 a.m.; April 12-Maundy Thursday Service (including Communion) 7:30 p.m.; April 13-Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service, 7:30 p.m.; April 15-Easter Sunday, 8:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Child care will be available during all services. All are welcome to attend.

Deb's Country Corner

Hello Country Folks,

This weather is confusing me. I woke up this morning, and it was 10 degrees on the thermometer out back, but this afternoon that mercury went up to almost 50. Now is that winter, or spring? I've decided I'm not the only one confused. Walked to the library this week, and the crocus' planted at the square are blooming. How those things survive a 10 degree night, to look so "spring-like" during the daytime is beyond me.

Had one of my co-workers ask me how I had time to look at the flowers when it was below freezing outside. Well, I thought about that, and I couldn't for the life of me figure out her question. Seems to me that when it's freezing, you should take EXTRA time to look for the flowers. She made some teasing remark about that sounding like my "hick from the sticks" philosophy again.

Now I'm really thinking. I DO live in "the sticks", but I certainly don't think I'm a hick. I'm just country folk, and darned proud of it. I'm glad I'm not doomed to live in a big city, full of traffic, smog and strangers. But that does set me apart. Maybe you, too. You can tell if you're really "country" if you say yes to most of these comments.

You're country folks, if ...

...You own more boots than dress shoes.

...You have a "cellar" rather than a basement, and most likely its filled with at least a few home canned items.

...You own a necktie, but it'll take you a while to find it.

...You wave at complete strangers if they look even halfway friendly.

...You enjoy attending farm auctions, but always say what a shame it is that the farm had to be sold, and you're really happy when you see another younger farmer buy it.

...You learn more things by chatting with a neighbor at the store, then you do by listening to the 6:00 news.

...You admire someone for their stubborn streak, rather than becoming frustrated by it.

...You grab the spring seed catalogs before any other piece of mail, even if you don't have a garden, you read every page of it.

...And, finally, I know I'm really "country-fried" when I realize that my views of the world and its politics are different than the majority of people. And I also realize that's perfectly OK with me.

So, now it's out. I'm a 100% country hick from the sticks, and I've decided I can live with that.

For this week's recipe, what could be more "country-simple" than biscuits? I realize we've all got our own recipes for these, but I thought I'd share my favorite with you.

Buttermilk Biscuits
1 cup buttermilk
2 tbls. shortening
2 cups flour
1 tbls. baking powder

Mix all ingredients together until they form a soft ball of dough. Use more or less of the flour as you desire. Roll out on floured board and cut into biscuit sizes. Bake at 400 degrees for about 10-12 minutes.

Have you got a really favorite recipe? Send it to me at The Banner, here in Dillsburg, and I'll share it with our other readers.

Instead of a household hint, I thought I'd share with you a really great "pearl of wisdom" I heard the other day. Seems to make perfect sense to me. In this day of trivia games, my friend said to me, "Never mind trying to name the Seven Dwarfs or Santa's eight reindeer. Just remember the Ten Commandments. It'll take you a lot farther." Sounds like good advice to me.

Bye for this week,

Deb Westbrook
Deb's Country Corner

Fact Sheet available on new auto insurance law

To help motorists understand Pennsylvania's new automobile insurance law, the Insurance Department has a free fact sheet available for consumers.

On Feb. 7, the Pennsylvania Legislature overwhelmingly passed, and Gov. Robert P. Casey signed, a law that will reduce auto insurance premiums, make auto insurance most affordable and more available and give consumers more choices when selecting their personal auto insurance coverage.

"Most consumers know that they will see rate reductions of at least 10 and 22 percent when they buy or renew an auto insurance policy after July 1," Insurance Commissioner Constance B. Foster said. "The fact sheet is intended to explain why the new law will lower their premiums and what decisions car owners need to make when selecting their auto insurance coverage."

The fact sheet, titled "Questions and Answers About Pennsylvania's New Auto Insurance Law," may be obtained by sending a business-sized, self-addressed stamped envelope to the Insurance Department Press Office, 1326 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

PA Beef Exposition

Bunk Smith, above, has been selected by the PA Beef Council to demonstrate different ways of cooking beef at this year's PA Beef Exposition to be held at State College on March 29 through March 31.

A full time employee for the past six years in the Meat Department at Kam's in Silver Spring, Bunk will be demonstrating the finer points of cooking beef with a microwave.

Among the recipes he has chosen to serve is the famous "Keystone ribeye sandwich".

The 1990 PA Beef Exposition is co-sponsored by the PA Cattlemen's Association and Affiliate Organizations; the Department of Dairy and Animal Science, Penn State; the PA Beef Council and the PA Department of Agriculture.

This will be Bunk's first venture into what is known as "Happy Valley" and the first time he has demonstrated microwaving beef. He is looking forward to the experience.

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